

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The VELS strands, domains and dimensions are the guideline for the Centre's activities and programs. They include:

Level 1-3

- Historical knowledge and understanding (basic introduction)

Level 1-4

- Creating and making
- Intercultural knowledge and language awareness
- Creativity

Level 1-6

- Speaking and listening
- Listening, viewing and responding
- Reasoning, processing and inquiry

Level 3-6

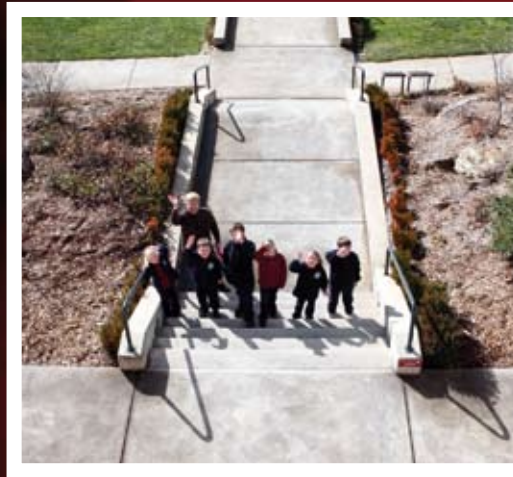
- Civic knowledge and understanding
- Reading
- Writing

Level 4-6

- Historical knowledge and understanding
- Science at Work

Level 5-6

- Historical reasoning and interpretation



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GUM SAN
Chinese Heritage Centre

*the ultimate
cultural classroom!*



A CULTURAL CLASSROOM

With the Chinese language and culture embedded strongly across our national curriculum, the **Gum San Chinese Heritage Centre** is an enriching cultural classroom.

Located in Ararat, the architecturally impressive Centre features state-of-the-art interactive displays and is a valuable educational and cultural resource for students of all ages and learning abilities.

The Centre is a rewarding destination for any classroom field trip, and we can develop specific programs that meet Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) levels 1-6, as well as programs for students with an intellectual disability.



PROGRAM OPTIONS

General Program

Caters for a maximum of 50 students at one time (1.5 hrs minimum – cost \$5 per student).

Includes a tour of the Centre; incorporating audio-visual presentations, historical dioramas, gold panning and calligraphy. Discussion options are:

1. The influence of Chinese culture (historical and current) on Australia's cultural development
2. Chinese migration including the establishment of Ararat – the only known Australian town to be settled by the Chinese
3. The discovery of gold at the Canton Lead, one of the world's richest shallow alluvial goldfields
4. Mining methods

General Plus Program

Caters for 90 students maximum (2.5 hrs minimum - \$7 per student)

Includes all of the General Program plus a variety of paper-based Chinese craft activities designed for different age groups. If fan painting is requested there is an additional \$4 pp charge.

The time required for this program depends on the number of students. Recommended ratio of supervision is one adult to 10 students.

Program depends on availability of the Centre's Great Hall. Please book early to secure your preferred date.

China Immersion Program

Caters for 90 students maximum (3.5 hours minimum – \$15 per student).

The General Plus program plus a traditional Chinese lunch eaten with chopsticks (meals avoid nut products and seafood and we provide vegetarian and gluten-free options).

The time required for this program depends on the number of students. Recommended ratio of supervision is one adult to 10 students.

Program depends on availability of the Centre's Great Hall. Please book early to secure your preferred date.

My Train Program

Caters for 60 students maximum (5.5 hours - \$20 per student).

This option incorporates all programs, as well as traditional Chinese games. Includes transport each way from the Ararat train station and morning and afternoon refreshments.

Program depends on availability of the Centre's Great Hall. Please book early to secure your preferred date.

Secondary Schools Program

Caters for 50 students maximum (1.5 hrs - \$5 per student).

This program covers aspects of Chinese culture, the discovery of gold, gold mining methods and people of the gold fields. Students can also enjoy gold panning and traditional Chinese calligraphy. A workbook is provided to keep students engaged.

Intellectual Disability Program (1 hour minimum - \$5 per student).

We work in liaison with the class teacher to design a program specifically for students in your group. Activities include Chinese crafts, as well as the option of project sheets for older students.

Payment

Payment is not required on the day. Schools will be invoiced after the visit.

Lunches are available for teachers at \$8pp (when lunch is included in the program).

Accessibility

The Gum San Chinese Heritage Centre has full wheelchair access and toilet facilities for people with a disability.

